

Minutes Lambeth Air Quality Action Plan Steering Group (External)

21 August, 6-7:45pm, TH-04 Town Hall, 1 Brixton Hill, Brixton, London, SW2 1RW

Councillor(s) attending:

Cllr Jackie Meldrum (JM), Deputy Cabinet Member (Resident Services)

Council Officer(s) attending:

Andrew Round (AR), Sustainability Manager

Matthew Browning (MB), Sustainability Officer

Simon Phillips (SP), Transport Manager

1. Introductions

- AR leads introductions with steering group.

2. Update on Brixton Liveable Neighbourhood

- SP gave an overview of the Brixton Liveable Neighbourhood project. We are taking an area wide approach to encourage walking and cycling, reduce car ownership, improve air quality, reduce emissions and improve community safety
- We were successful in our Bid to TfL for a Brixton Liveable Neighbourhood (£8 million).
- Brixton was chosen as it was one of our main town centres and previous research had shown a huge potential to increase walking and cycling in the Brixton area.
- The scheme focuses on Atlantic Road but also looks at Neighbourhoods around the Town centre (Herne Hill, Clapham, Loughborough Junction)
- Search “Brixton Common Place” to find website consultation where you can comment on proposals and provide suggestions. The consultation is open until 13 October.
- We will then be engaging with communities on a range of projects of various size and scale.
- After Christmas we will be running workshops and engaging with local stakeholders to agree solutions to problems
- Project is 3 years from April 2019- April 2022. We have had over 500 individual responses and over 5000 comments.
- SP explained we are going to be doing baseline monitoring
- [REDACTED] asked if the Brixton AQ monitor is now working. AR said yes, it is.
- [REDACTED] concerned that lots of consultation and planning but not much delivery. How confident are we that we can deliver this? SP recognised there have been problems on delivery previously. We are putting together a resource plan to ensure we have resources in place to deliver.
- [REDACTED] commented that the team seems too small as it is, and we have taken on another large project. Believes we need more staff and resources. SP

explained we have increased size of transport team and will be increasing this further in future for engagement activities.

- AR explained we have a new member of staff joining the team soon that will work on Climate Change.
- JM have we got housing officers involved? SP explained we engaged with them in original bid and want to improve access and opportunity for estates. Key aspect of BID is to improve access.
- JM asked who is most senior member housing working with? SP said Tim Fairhurst (Assistant AD)
- AR also explained Sustainability went to Estate Fundays in August.
- ■ noted through traffic in Brixton and asked how TfL plan to address this. SP explained A23 through Brixton is planned to be a cycle way linking Streatham to Waterloo. Project at early stage and discussions ongoing with how this will work in Brixton. Still a work in progress about what the solution will be. This is separate to the Brixton Liveable Neighbourhood project. The first element will be delivered in Streatham, how we deliver it in Brixton is still under discussion.
- ■ asked if Santander scheme will be extended further. SP explained capital cost is very high (£750,000 to extend to Brixton). Potential to expand this to Loughborough and Clapham but are looking at developer funding contributions. TfL would also need to agree to maintain the scheme. We are also looking at dockless cycle options. London Councils are proposing a change in bylaws that would allow us to regulate dockless bikes.
- ■ asked if dockless bikes are allowed. SP explained we are not in agreement with any dockless bike operators, but we have no powers to stop them. Going forward we would look to create dockless bike zones where the bikes would be left.
- JM asked that residents and those with disabilities are consulted on locations of bike zones. SP confirmed there would be a consultation.
- ■ asked about ideas for accommodating cycle route through Brixton. SP explained very high-level discussions are taking place and cannot be disclosed yet.
- ■ asked how parking fits into Liveable Neighbourhoods and how we encourage electric vehicles. SP explained we are rolling out EV charging points cross the borough. We are considering the introduction of special permits for EV owners that would give priority access to parking spaces next to lamp post trickle chargers. Our objective is everyone will be within 5minutes walk of a charging point. Rapid charge points are focused around destination locations and town centres.
- The transport strategy is going to cabinet in November a strategy will go along with this which includes information on EVs. More information will be published in November 2019. The vision moving forward is there will be charging hubs like petrol stations. Currently there is a gap in technology, so the council are installing lamppost EV chargers to fill the gap in the interim. We believe this is the most cost effective and convenient way to fill the gap.

- [REDACTED] asked if petrol stations are interested in installing rapid charge points. SP explained some have already as they recognise technology is moving this way.
- JM suggested looking at Local plan in next AQAP steering group meeting in January 2020.
- SP explained we are still relying on government for funding to deliver more chargers.
- [REDACTED] asked how we decide on locations. SP explained we prioritise rapid chargers EV requests from Taxi drivers so they can charge close to their homes. Some rapid charge points in North of the borough are just for Taxi use.
- [REDACTED] asked about car clubs bay. SP explained we can only install a few EV chargers as it gives a competitive advantage to car clubs who have electric vehicles.
- SP explained as part of our strategy we will be promoting electric vehicles and car clubs to encourage the model shift.
- AR explained there are still PM emissions from tyre and break wear and we can't promote vehicles. We want to encourage walking, cycling and public transport first.
- JW agreed we should promote public transport and not encourage vehicle use.
- [REDACTED] asked what is happening with Quiet Way in Rosendale area. SP explained we are looking to consult on new proposals soon.

3. Transport Actions

- Action – we will bring paper copies of AQAP document to meetings for future.
- 40.1 Joint anti-idling project with other London Boroughs: Action completed and expired in 2018 but we are continuing this work with MAQF 3. We are organising lots of events at schools and working to enforce against idling. Next we will work for residential care homes
- [REDACTED] asked what the Fine is. AR explained that FPN is £20 and PCN is £80. We hope the threat of the Fine will be enough. We are part of MAQF project that will be launching a large communications campaign and we will have an update for next meeting.
- 42.1 – Increase amount of citizens cycling outside the 18-38 age group: AR explained liveable neighbourhood will help with this. We are workshopping ideas how to increase cycling outside this age range. We have peddle my wheels and Dr Bike schemes.
- [REDACTED] asked if we can include info on bike hire in Lambeth talk?
- [REDACTED] suggested including info in school newsletters
- 42.2 Very important pedestrian days: We closed over 25 roads for car free days and there are discussions about making this a monthly occurrence.

Similarly, with Play streets, we are looking to encourage these on a monthly basis.

- 43 Parking: we now have emission based parking. We are continuing to roll out CPZs across the borough. ■ what is aim of CPZ? AR explained issues with commuter parking and ULEZ ending at South Circular.
- 46 Reprioritisation of road space; reducing parking at some destinations and/or restricting parking on congested high streets and A roads to improve bus journey times, cycling experience, and reduce emissions caused by congested traffic: AR signs off all reports so we can scrutinise the reports. The link to the council website where decisions are published is [here](#).
- 47 .1 Campaign for low-emission buses to serve all routes in Lambeth: AR explained that the Mayor has taken lead on this and we are campaigning for these to be in Lambeth
- 47.2 Continue to request extension of ULEZ to south of the borough: AR explained that the Mayor has said this won't happen but we keep asking.. We will look at creating zero emission zones where council can set zones. We will include more info on zero emission zones at next meeting.
- 49 Read through Lambeth Transport Plan 2011-31, the Cycling Strategy and also the Transport Strategy and add any relevant actions in to AQAP: AR explained the new transport strategy includes more information on air quality - this action is completed.

4. Agenda for next meeting

- Go through local plan
- Communication workshop
- Update on MAQF anti-idling project
- Update on Zero Emission Zones

5. AOB

- AP 7 Ensuring that Smoke Control Zones are appropriately identified and fully promoted and enforced: AR explained we have done the work for this action and have written the report. The Government have said they want to introduce new smoke control notices. Defra are meant to be issuing new legislation so we propose delaying deadline of action until new Defra legislation is published. AQAPSG agree to delay deadline until Defra publish legislation
- ■ asked what else we do to discourage smoke burning activities. AR explained we have leaflets online and will launch communication campaign around Nov/Dec to raise awareness of smokeless fuels. Make sure BIDs are aware of this.
- ■ asked if we can we raise awareness of clean air act and promote efforts to clean up air. MB suggested we can include information in LCAW 2020.
- ■ asked about climate change. AR explained we are working on citizens assembly.
- **Action:** Bring original smoke control notice to next meeting

- **Action:** Invite SC to next meeting in January 2020 to discuss communication campaigns.